

President's Message

Welcome back to a whole new season of exploration! The 2013-2014 dig season was very productive and enjoyable. We look forward to another wonderful year with all of our new and repeat visitors!

We are preparing for our 50th anniversary celebration that will take place the 1st and 2nd of November. You'll see fliers for that event so I won't bore you with details here.

Our site has, and IS, going through some changes for the better! If you are a repeat visitor, you will notice more sale items in the Visitor's Center. Stop in, browse, and pick up some nifty treasures!

During your visit on the first dig weekend, you'll probably notice a lot of extra people. They won't be involved in the dig. They are our friends from the California Conservation Corps. They are making some much-needed repairs and upgrades to our trails. We hope to have the trails open by November 1st. Thank them as you pass by!

We are also working on the roof of the school house. The old one did not last as long as we hoped, so we are putting up a metal roof this time. By the way- this project is an example of a "Hands-On" board! Two of our members (Ben and I) are doing the work. If you would like to help, please feel free to join us!

We (The Board of Directors) are reorganizing the Friends of Calico Early Man Site Inc., and the Calico Mountains Archaeological Site to fit better into the next 50 years of activity. We now have a 'Media Specialist' on board (Bruce Hamilton) who is handling our advertisement, web site, e-mail, membership lists, and- NOT least of all- the Calico Core Newsletter.

We are identifying new dig sites for our volunteer diggers. Some of our old ones (the Master Pits and Rock Wren) have been closed, and the school house dig area is complete. Identifying new sites is vitally important for the continued mission of the F.O.C. (Science and Education) and we take it very seriously.

We hope to expand some areas to accommodate a Native Plant Garden, new hiking trails on-site, and a Scout Camp which will be designated for use by The Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts of America.

We are also working on organizing activities that will keep the site active year-round. Believe it or not, the site is a great place for over-night camping and star viewing! The areas around the site have 4 wheel drive and hiking trails, which are great for wild-life viewing. Check out our web-site (<http://calicoarchaeology.com>) later for updates!

Now- All of this costs a great deal of money. Supplies and materials are not free! Please be generous and donate your time, money or materials to the site. You will be helping to preserve this experience for future generations. Donations of money and materials are tax-deductible. Material donations can be done at the site only. If you would like to make a cash donation, you may do so at the site, OR go to our GoFundMe website at <http://www.gofundme.com/5hzuno> there is also a link for donations on our web site.

Please spread the word!

Again- Welcome back! We hope you enjoy your visit!